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FOR: PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR COOLING AND ATOMIZING LIQUID OR PASTY-LIKE SUBSTANCES

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#### STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

- 1) References AA & AP - AQ have been cited in the International Search Report. A copy of these references is being submitted herewith.
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- 3) References AB & AR -AT are discussed in the specification. A copy of these references is being submitted herewith.
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